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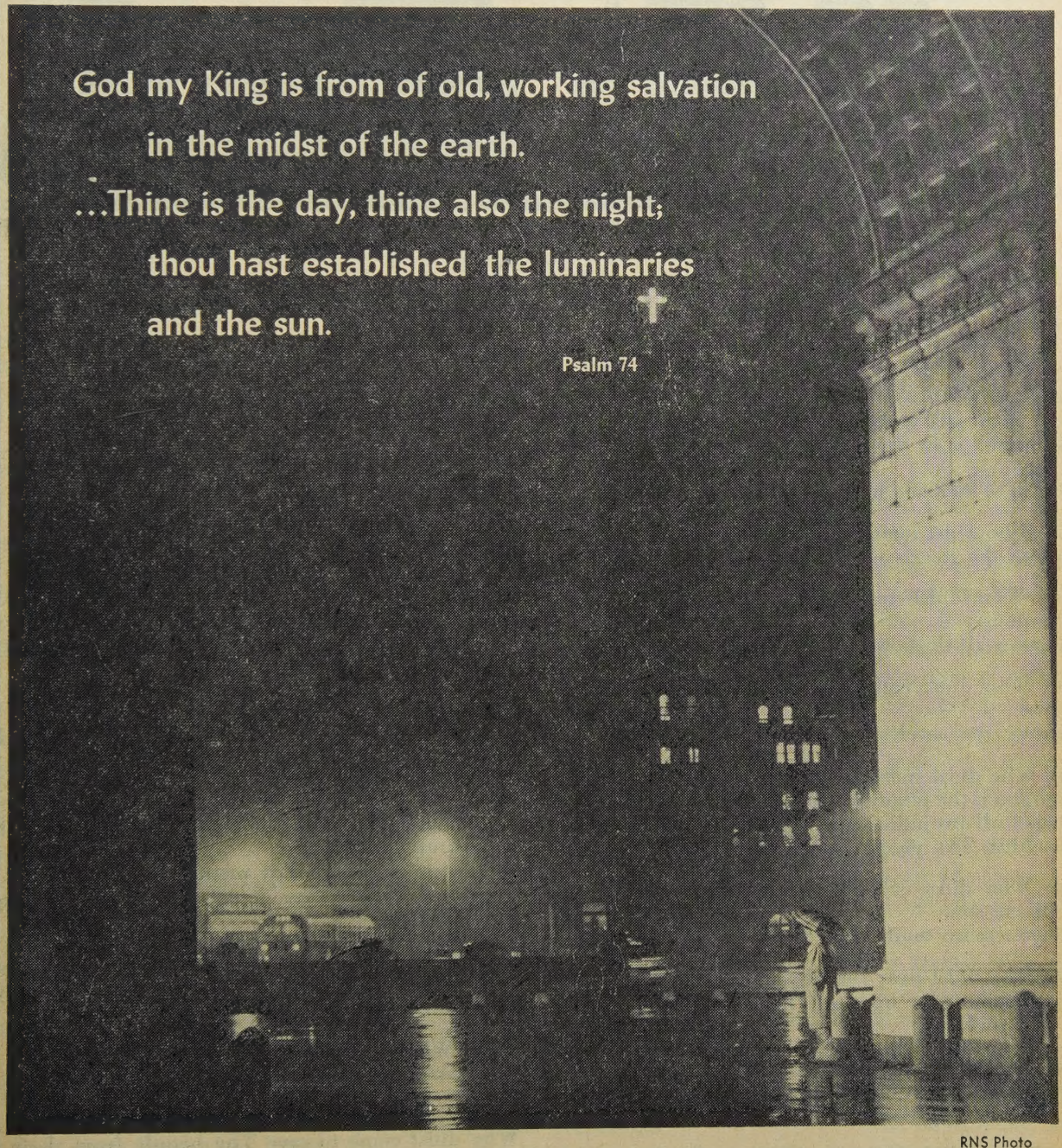
God my King is from of old, working salvation
in the midst of the earth.
...Thine is the day, thine also the night;
thou hast established the luminaries
and the sun.
Psalm 74

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A Litany of Repentance

(Reprinted from *The Man of Sorrows* by Albert T. W. Steinhaeuser)

O Lord, Who didst come to call sinners to repentance,
Call them still and make them answer Thy call,
Be merciful to those who have no cloke for their sin,
But have seen and hated both Thee and Thy Father.

Thou Who didst melt the hardness of the thief,
Soften the hearts of all who are impenitent.

Thou Who didst recover the woman that was a sinner,
Recover all those who have fallen away from Thee.

Thou Who didst call Zacchaeus from the sycamore tree,
Arouse the careless and arrest the curious.

Thou Who didst speak the words of spirit and of life,
Enlighten the ignorant and teach the unlearned;
Dispel all prejudices, correct all errors;
Establish Thy people in the truth of the Gospel.

Thou Who didst call St. Matthew from the receipt of custom,
Deliver many souls from the slavery of the world.

Thou Who didst pray for Thy murderers,
Pity those who oppose Thy rule and persecute Thy servants.

Thou Who didst cast out many devils,
Set free many by the power of Thy grace, who are possessed by the devils of drink and lust.

Thou Who didst satisfy the doubts of St. Thomas,
Deal gently with those who can scarcely believe.

Thou Who didst uplift the sinking St. Peter,
Support all those who are weak and unstable.

Thou Who didst come to proclaim deliverance
captives,
Pity all prisoners and loose the chain of their s

Thou Who didst heal the impotent man,
Uphold those who are weakened by past sin.

Thou Who didst still the tempest on the lake,
Rebuke the storms of passion and anger, and
the waves be still.

Thou Who didst heal the withered hand,
Recover for many the faculties which they h
lost, of prayer and work, of self-control a
self-sacrifice.

Thou Who didst make both the deaf to hear and
dumb to speak,
Open deaf ears to Thy message;
Loosen stammering tongues to speak words
penitence.

Thou Who didst put to shame the woman of Sama
Reveal to many who are living in sin the shame
their life, and bring them to repentance.

Thou Who didst raise the dead to life,
Quicken dead souls to the life of righteousness.

JESUS! JESUS! JESUS!
Who didst come to save Thy people from their si
Save us, O Saviour!
HOSANNA!

Sursum Corda

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'he New Year ; Wrinkled Now

Mrs. Casper Brenden

nd he said unto them, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of le faith?"

quick twinge of loneliness passed through me as I r her wave from the round window under the letter " on the great silver Constellation "Star of Athens," n to wing its way over desert space and mountain ght, rivers, forest, frozen fields, and back to college in. The familiar lineaments of her dear face made a uith-like outline behind the blur of my tears and the l panel of glass. We couldn't see each other's tears, we waved farewell. Someone said to me, "But aren't afraid to have her travel so far alone, and flying ?" Another wave and last look; I vanquished the inic doubt within my heart. For the airliner is one God's magnificent miracles in our present day. We ill and marvel, we can never fear if we trust im- itly the Master Pilot who steers our course by land, the sea, or in the air.

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e last shining bauble of the festive Yuletide had n carefully packed away in its box of tissue; every y pine needle had long been smothered in the dust of the vacuum cleaner; the windows, washed clean a small boy's artistic efforts with snow spray. The ds had all been looked at once more. The days of iesters for the children were upon us, and Mother l Dad were looking forward to the springtime. shing our life away? No, not quite, just looking for- d to the time when God's winter-locked earth will warm and sweet with the redolence of growth, when nature will be resurrected from the cold tomb of its , when we shall celebrate the anniversary of our d's Resurrection from the dead.

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e little New Year is no longer aby. He is fast growing up. There wrinkles in his forehead and a op to his shoulders—caused by the antics of fools, the mistakes of wise men, and the general mischief in the world. One must look more than twice for the good in our favored land. Newspapers scream such headlines as, "Tapioca-wise Apes Terrify Malayans." (Natives believe them to be evil phantoms with supernatural powers!) Science will either have more anthropological news on "missing links"—or the big news will die a natural death.

"Forest Fires Shroud Los Angeles Section," and there in a corner of the front page is a picture of stark despair. Five little children crying near the smoking ruins of a tenement shack; two babies dead while the parents toiled in the brambles of the cotton fields. Headlines, news, terrible things to alarm us. They distort our thinking and paralyze our spirit.

Then we find in comparatively small print, authored by an AP news correspondent, this question, "Who is America's 1953 'Man of God'?" Newspapers and magazines may give suggestions. Various councils may judge individual achievements. The man might be a priest, a rabbi, a bishop, or an evangelist. The councils are not sure; they are confounded by their own analyses. The title is too far reaching, it defies evaluation. One "Man of God for 1953"? How can it be, for everywhere there are men (and women and children) of God, and only He knows who they are. These labor not for the laurels of fame and fortune. These labor in love of service to God and fellowmen. God's children know that *whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever; nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it, and God doeth it that men should fear before him* (Ecc. 4:14). Yes, there are many men of God, and still the world needs more.

Searching inside the pages of print and life we find the other stories of living. The beauty of character and deeds, the worthiness of labor and love, the purification by sorrow and pain, the wisdom from patience and experience. Searching in the Greatest Book, God's Word, we will find all the answers we need. *And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free* (John 8:32). We learn not to hate, not to fear, not to fret and worry.

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LWA Program Calls for More

Raymond M. Olson

NLC News Bureau Ph

While Lutheran World Action budgets are tentatively set as much as three years in advance, it is most difficult to foresee all the special situations which suddenly can confront the Lutheran Church in our world. As a result of the enactment by Congress of the new Immigration Act, it is possible to become active again in the resettlement of refugees. To bring this about, additional funds are urgently needed. Closely allied to the needs of the refugees is the financial support of Lutheran World Relief. The splendid response of the people to recent clothing drives, to the Food Appeal, and the government's readiness to provide surplus commodities brings a need for funds to deliver these items to the people who need them. Developments in Latin America have underscored the strategic importance of "moving now" to bring the new immigrants into Lutheran congregations. The plans for holding the 1957 Lutheran World Federation Assembly in the United States, approved at Trondheim last summer, makes it imperative that funds begin to be set aside for that Assembly even as the Germans provided funds for the 1952 Hannover Assembly.

Confronted with these insistent needs, the National Lutheran Council at its annual meeting in February raised the 1954 Lutheran World Action Budget from $2,600,000 to $2,940,000, even though the 1954 apportionments to the Churches had already been made. It was made with the urgent request to the Churches that a ten per cent increase over 1953 giving be sought.

Appreciating the importance of making a hearty response to this request, the Board of Trustees of the ELC, on February 18, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, that the request of the National Lutheran Council for at least ten per cent more than the 1954 Lutheran World Action goals originally established be approved, in order to provide the additional funds for Lutheran World Relief, Co-operation in Latin America, the 1957 Lutheran World Federation Assembly in the U.S., and particularly for Resettlement of Refugees under the 1953 Immigration Act."

The action of the Council and the Board of Trustees now places the matter before the congregations of our Church. No change will be made in LWA apportionments, but the addition of ten per cent for 1954 is urgently emphasized. Local budgets, in many cases, have been established for the year, but the insistence of t need merits a hearing which will permit such an adju ment! When we know that we reached 96.9 per c of our 1953 apportionment, and know that an incre of ten per cent is at hand, the necessity of energetic c cern is very clear. This, too, can be done. Let us be with it—willingly—with imagination enough to see w it is worth it! God's grace will be sufficient once aga

Two Poems by Theodine Brandt

LIGHTS ON THE FJORD

The peaceful fjord reflects the midnight sun
And silence reigns throughout the day's long run;
Tall Norway pines, while mirrored in the deep,
Form changing splendor when the shadows creep;
The quiet waters by the sun's bright glow
Make shimmering pathways as the soft winds blow.
When autumn comes the fading day will frown,
But night will grant the fjord a star-decked gown.
Nature will rest as the brief daylight dies,
And northern lights will dominate the skies.

THE GOAL

Lead us, Dear Lord, where streams flow deep and st
And with a living faith our yearnings fill.
Let fruitful pastures feed each famished soul
And blaze each byway lest we miss the goal.
Should shadowed valley bar the chosen way,
From threatening evil, Father, be our stay.

Books Under the Arm

George S. Schultz
Director of Stewardship and Finance (ALC)

THIRD IN A SERIES
(Reprinted from the "Lutheran Standard," ALC)

s the shadow of the proposed new church body comes ore and more into view, it is apparent even in outline m that something is being carried under the arms. oser inspection shows the objects to be books.

Lots of them. If only this weren't just a shadow, we uld read the titles. But we can make a pretty good ess: books on exegesis, eschatology, hermeneutics, gmatics, homiletics; and under the other arm books just plain math, English, and science.

All of which indicates, and correctly so, that when the presentatives of the ELC, UELC, LFC, and ALC got gether to design a blueprint for a merged Church they ve more than passing attention to educational mat- s. In fact, it was in this area that some of the most ficult "negotiation" was encountered.

The blueprint makes plain (and the discussions that l up to it made it even more plain) that the new urch is very concerned about its colleges and its minaries. The new Church will expect much of them nd will be willing to give them much.

e Seminary (ies)

special interest should be the training of the future nisters. Were merger to come now, and all bodies to ng their present seminaries into the new Church, the LC would contribute one in St. Paul, Minn. (enroll- nt 380), and one in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada (37); UELC one in Blair, Nebr. (28); the LFC one in inneapolis, Minn. (39); and the ALC two church- ned, one in Columbus, Ohio (196) and the other in buque, Iowa (175) and one operated in co-operation th the United Lutheran Church (not the ELC semi- ry mentioned above) in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada (9 LC students).

That the UELC and the LFC each has but one semi- ry is to be expected, since both church bodies are quite all (see Article 1 in this series). That there is but e seminary in the ELC in the United States is a tter of choice. The representatives of this Church be- ve that having a single seminary in which all their stors have been trained has been a major contributing tor to the oneness of mind and spirit of their urch. This group would prefer that in the new urch there would be only one seminary, a large one, be sure.

But the ALC representatives see some value in having eral seminaries wisely located geographically. They not willing that either Capital or Wartburg seminary ll cease to be a theological school. Nor are the smaller bodies ready to concede that their seminaries shall cease to exist and to render their peculiar and distinct service to the training of the new clergy. So it appears that there could be at least five places in the United States alone where the clergy of the new Church would be trained.

Yet the blueprint calls for "the concept of one seminary" functioning on "a number of campuses." The oneness is to be achieved by having one board of regents to oversee the work of all of them instead of each seminary having its own board of regents as now. This one seminary board will be related to the Church's Board of Higher Education just as are all other boards of regents, with the exception of the election of presidents and faculty members.

This procedure has considerable significance in the ALC, particularly as it would relate to Capital University. At present the college and the seminary at Columbus are one school (the university), operated by one board of regents, administered by one president (the seminary is headed by a dean), and in some respects operated as a single financial unit. Under the new plan the college and the seminary at Capital will have different boards in control. One board of regents will be responsible for everything east of College Avenue and another board of regents will be responsible for everything west of College Avenue, along with all the other seminaries of the Church. This geographical division is, of course, a crude way of defining the problem and isn't completely exact, but it gives the impression of what will have to happen. The problems it brings into focus are not insurmountable, just different.

This problem is avoided at Wartburg Seminary, which is about 90 miles removed from Wartburg College, and which now operates under its own board of regents and its own president.

"The concept of one seminary" on "a number of campuses" will lay a heavier administrative burden on the respective presidents, for there will not be a board of regents which can handily be called upon; however, each unit can have its own executive committee appointed from the seminary board of regents. The end result is thought to be worth it: a greater unification in principle and in policy in theological education. Surprising possibilities may be involved in the permissive clause: "Each unit of the theological seminary may be assigned areas of specialization, as for instance, postgraduate work, missions, rural ministry, etc." To achieve all of

the foregoing will call for the utmost exchange of ideas between the various units and wise integration by both the seminary board of regents and the Board of Higher Education.

The seminaries will be owned by the Church. This simple statement will assume considerable significance as you read on.

As to the Colleges

There will be no dearth of colleges in the new Church since all of those now operated by the four bodies individually could continue in the new Church (between the end of the blueprint talks in December and this writing in January the ELC has merged its junior college at Clifton, Texas, with Texas Lutheran College at Seguin, Texas, to which have been transferred its records, equipment, and some of its students).

Here are the senior college and the junior colleges and the enrollments of the four bodies (omitting Bible institutes and academies):

Institution	*1953 Enrollment*
ALC	
Capital University	995
Wartburg College	642
Texas Lutheran College	314
Luther College (J.C.)	268
ELC	
St. Olaf College	1,483
Luther College	835
Concordia College	1,107
Augustana College	649
Pacific Lutheran College	923
Waldorf College (J.C.)	227
UELC	
Dana College	217
LFC	
Augsburg College	722
Total	8,382

Yet these colleges show a confusing picture in their relationship to the Church, a confusion that the blueprint perpetuates. All ALC colleges are now owned by the ALC. Some ELC schools are owned by corporations whose membership is synonymous with the membership of the church body (example: St. Olaf) while some are owned by corporations whose memberships are synonymous with segments of the church body (example: Pacific Lutheran College). The LFC's college is owned by a self-perpetuating corporation related to the church body through the individuals who comprise the corporation. The LFC itself is not incorporated and owns nothing—though some of its boards are incorporated.

Only the latter case would be affected by the blueprint, which provides that the colleges "may" be owned by the church body or by corporations whose membership synonymous with the church body or a segment there That leaves the matter open. Capital University, example, could be owned outright and fully by t Church, which would hold title to its properties, be legal representative, elect its board of regents, and det mine (through proper channels) its program. That as the matter is now. Or Capital University could owned by a separate corporation whose membership composed of all the members of the Church, and wh voting representatives would be the same people w vote at the church convention. Obviously the meetin of this corporation would be held in connection wi the church convention. But the corporation of Capi University, not the Church itself (yet the same indiv uals would be voting), would own the property, be t legal representative, elect the board of regents, and d termine (through proper channels) its program. It is this manner that St. Olaf College is owned.

Or Capital University could be owned by a separa corporation whose members would be the membe of the Ohio District. Note that it is not the Ohio D trict that would be incorporated as a district, but t members of the district would incorporate to own t college. This corporation, which would have to me in connection with the meeting of the Ohio Distri would perform the functions mentioned above. This the pattern by which Pacific Lutheran College is owne

Still another possibility is that the members of t Ohio, Eastern, and Michigan Districts would form corporation to own Capital University. It must again emphasized that it would not be the districts that i corporate but the members of those districts. It is on th pattern that Concordia College is owned. This pa tern has its particular problem in that there would nev be a time when all the voters of these districts, eith themselves or as representatives of all congregation would meet. The ELC does not face this problem connection with Concordia College since at its Chur Conventions every pastor may be present, and each co gregation may send its representative.

Who Shall Decide the Matter?

How, when, and by whom is it to be decided which these forms will be followed by Capital, Wartburg, an Luther? The blueprint doesn't say, nor can we. Th is left up to each church body to decide.

If the colleges are owned by separate corporatio rather than by the Church itself, does the Church ha control of them and their property? Some safeguar on the property and the finances are written into th blueprint. For instance, the blueprint limits the se arate corporations on the point of indebtedness, r quiring the approval of the Board of Trustees of th

urch before a program can be undertaken that re-ires the borrowing of funds or the granting of a rtial or complete mortgage. Representatives of the .C point to two other natural safeguards; the unlike-ood that a segment of the Church will violate the shes of the whole Church, and the right of the Board Higher Education to recommend drastic steps in the inting of church subsidies if unwise financing appears. Since most of the blueprint, as it relates to the col-es, is devoted to the physical management of the in-utions, it is apparent that all of the bodies have confidence that their colleges and their college administrators will continue their respective programs on a high academic plane and with a strong Christian tone. When adjustments have been completed, the new Church would have a system of strong schools to meet the flood of students expected after 1960. It would be unwise and perhaps unfair to attempt a comparison of the effectiveness of the known ALC church-college relationship and that now proposed but not experienced. So we shall remain in the role of reporter, confident that thus saith the blueprint.

here Are Still Refugees!

H. W. Siefkes
President of the Iowa District, ALC

is is a 12x15 plain room in Barrack 2 of Evangelisches lfswerk. Three of us are operating in these quarters, / wife and I and our secretary, Mrs. Zowe, who does e typing of reports. There are always two households individuals interviewed here at the same time, above e pounding typewriter machine. Some families have ur or five members, making one dozen inhabitants this space simultaneously. That which makes these ocedures important is obvious. Here we sit at the thetic stream of human misery. Here new hopes ker, here are uncomplaining bursts of pent up emo-ns, here is prospect to begin anew. Here is an image you and me, except for the undeserved good fortune living in America—except for the grace of God.

Berlin is the focal point of conflict between the Free orld and Communism. The new Refugee Relief Act Congress makes action urgent now. Berlin has come the chief funnel of displaced persons streaming m the East. Three hundred thousand came through t year alone. The largest number of them is trans-rted to the Zones. Three thousand camps still dot estern Germany, and eight and one half million ugees remain. Why do they come from the East, rsaking all, land, cattle, money, goods? One pastor t it this way: "Es ist die grosse Angst" (the great r). They yearn for freedom, as the June 17, 1953, rising showed, when this slight hope of liberty came all of Eastern Germany like a refreshing breeze and ought them on the march with mostly empty hands.

is work is so desperately important now, because lp for human misery must never be unduly delayed. ght of us Lutherans are here doing what we can to t as many as possible processed. Our Lutheran Church, retain a leading role, needs to be on the field now. bviously, the refugees from East Germany are nearly nety per cent Lutheran.

We have seen more of the conflict between East and West than ever. The 20,000,000 East Zone people desperately need our encouragement. A pastor told me that often their spirits sink, wondering if they have now been forgotten, because God seems to tarry. I told him that it is honorable recognition of the Lord to have chosen them to bear an exemplary cross for all Christendom on earth. He thanked me over and over again for this word of encouragement.

Let us not grow weary in well doing and prayer. God's might is waiting for the right hour. Let us open our doors to these new refugees. We have been told that religiously these will excel many of those coming to the U. S. in former years.

Those on the team this time are Mr. Henry Daum, ELC; the Rev. Henry Schumann, ULCA; the Rev. Fredrick Otto, ULCA; Miss Henrietta Lund, AELC; the Rev. Harry Wolf, the Rev. Russell Schilling, Mrs. Siefkes and myself, all ALC, Mrs. Siefkes being recruited on the field because of great demands for help. They are stationed at Munich, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Berlin, Hannover, and in Austria. The financial considerations are borne by ICEM (Intergovernmental Commission on European Migration). The Church furnishes the personnel.

Special credit should go to Dr. Henry Whiting, head of World Service in Geneva; Miss Clara Anderson, heading the dossier work; Mr. Reuben Baetz; Dr. Richard Solberg; Pastor Carl Mau; Mr. Erik Sovik, Jr.; Pastor Gerhard Dietrich; Mr. Frank Salzer; and Miss Gertrude Sovik. They are devoted people who are tirelessly serving their Church abroad. The leadership of Dr. Carl Lund-Quist as executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation is well established and highly honored.

From Foreign Fields

Rolf A. Syr

Taiwan (Formosa)

A new church was dedicated in Kaohsiung, the southern-most port of the island of Taiwan, on February 15. The first Lutheran church of the island was organized in this city just three years ago. This congregation has now divided into two in order to more adequately serve the people that are gathered by our missionaries and the Chinese workers. The building and land, costing about $4,000, was paid for partially by the mission and partially by the Chinese members of the church. Concerning this church, the Rev. Arne Sovik writes as follows:

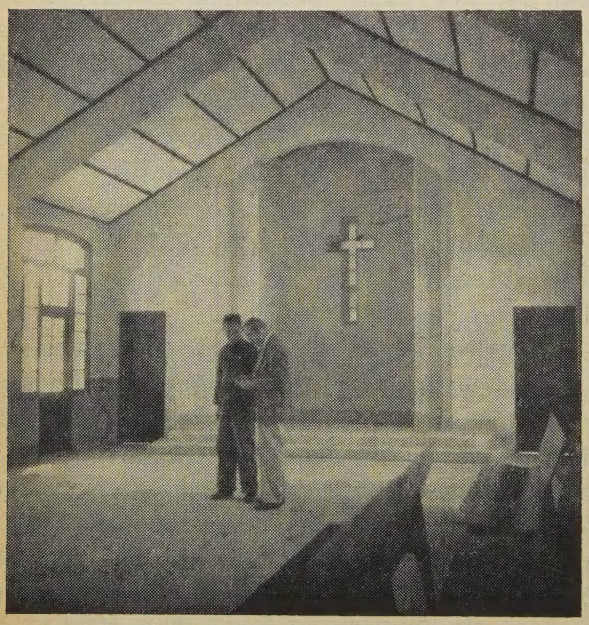
"Most of the members are factory laborers. This church, seating approximately 200, is of brick and concrete construction. On the grounds there is already a house for the Chinese pastor, who is yet to be called. It is located in the heart of a factory district where there are said to be 10,000 mainlander families. We hope it will be outgrown soon. The dedication of this church marked also the first division of this old (three years) congregation, for a number of the members will withdraw to form a new, bi-lingual congregation in the predominantly Formosan Ling Chung Road area. They will worship in the chapel attached to the Bible School. As a parting gift these Formosan church members presented to the church a bell, designed and cast in Kaohsiung."

Concerning the work in Taipei, the capital and i portant air terminal of the island, Pastor Sovik wri as follows:

"At their first annual congregational meeting February 14, members of Grace Lutheran Church Taipei voted to call as assistant pastor of the cong gation Mr. Stanley S. Y. Tung, who has served t church as evangelist for nearly a year and a half. If M Tung accepts the call, he will be the first Chin Lutheran pastor to be ordained on Formosa. Mr. Tu is 28, a son of Christian parents and a graduate of t Lutheran Seminary in Hongkong. Acting pastor of t congregation is Dr. Arne Sovik.

"The congregation also voted to accept a budget f 1954 of $60,000 Taiwan currency, asking the Mission grant one half as a subsidy. The $30,000 which the co gregation will undertake to raise represents about tw and a half times the salary of the pastor it is calling. substantial portion of it will go into repaying the de which the congregation owes on its new church bui ing. For a congregation which is less than a year o having a communicant membership of about a hundr people, almost all mainlander refugees, we think th are doing pretty well. In 1953, including a special bui ing drive, the group raised some $25,000 in Taiw currency.

"The church council was enlarged at the same me



As the new church in Kaohsiung approaches completion, Pastor Anders Hanson confers with Elder Ma on details of furnishings.

Elder Ma and Pastor Anders Hanson examine the inscription on bell presented by Taiwanese members to the church at Kaohsiun

to include fifteen members. These include teachers, siness men, civil servants, and housewives."

e newest work started by the joint Lutheran missions Taiwan is located in Taichung, a city near the center the island, close to the west coast. Work was begun last fall and there are now twenty members in the ngregation. Pastor Sovik writes as follows:

Taichung is the location of the new Christian school, ng Hai University, which expects to admit its first ss in the fall of 1954. The city was founded by the anese, is said to have the best climate on the island, l has a rapidly growing mainlander population.

Plans are now under way for the formation of a theran synod on Formosa (Taiwan), which will ntually be related to the church on the mainland. th twenty congregations and preaching places and ne eight hundred baptized members, this synod, ether with the Hongkong Lutheran Synod, is the us of our missionary work among refugee Chinese."

ongkong

e work among the Chinese in Hongkong also goes ad with a great deal of progress. The Rev. Palmer derson is now in charge of the evangelistic work in ngkong, with headquarters in Kowloon. In a recent er he gives the following information:

One of my responsibilities, one which I greatly enjoy n though it takes a bit of time and strength, is to duct the monthly Communion services at Hsi Ling au Leprosarium. They have only an open shed for a pel, and when the wind blows cold as it did the last nday out there, it's rather unpleasant. But they come t the same and fill every bench in the place. And for mmunion every baptized man or woman comes forrd and kneels on a crude bench to receive the Lord's pper at my hands. It grips me deeply to see them re and to put the cup into their crippled hands or p them raise it to their lips. Sad but also joyful, for y receive the Sacrament so eagerly and trustfully. Dec. 20 we had a baptismal service as well, so I had ited a Cantonese-speaking Lutheran pastor to cateze them and to perform the baptism. Six men and women were baptized and also thirteen children, of the latter having studied their catechism with the t and ready to answer the questions put to them. ree members were also received by transfer from ier churches. It was a long and impressive service."

ncerning the many questions that come about church nditions in China behind the Bamboo Curtain, we ve the following interesting reports:

'The third report came from the Rev. P. Parviaanen, nish missionary just out of Hunan Province. He had t been molested or arrested, free to move about in his own town, attend services in the local church, but not to speak there. Nor had the Chinese congregation and its pastor experienced any great restrictions as far as worship was concerned. The good treatment he received he attributed to the fact that he belonged to an organization in his home country called 'The Chinese-Finnish Friendship Society' whose membership card he carried. This seemed to impress the local authorities. He knew that eleswhere things were not always so easy for Chinese Christians or missionaries.

"Reports from Central China, including our former ELC field, indicate that the situation for the Church has been easing and that the evangelistic program is getting under way once more."

Pastor Anderson here told about many instances on our field in Honan where our Chinese pastors are able to continue their ministry in a limited way. He also reported that the China Bible House in Shanghai has sold a good number of Bibles in the past year, and that church attendance in Shanghai is on the increase.

Thy Kingdom Come

F. W. Thomsen

(Fifteenth in a Series)

Tunja

In the drizzling cold rain of an early Sunday morning we stood on a Bogota street corner waiting for the bus to Tunja, a city built in the Andes 8,000 feet above sea level. By the time we reached Tunja's plaza at eleven o'clock, the sun was shining, but the temperature was only 55 degrees, which is usual there the year around.

At noon we had dinner with Elizabeth Heerde and Valborg Torkelson, who had been living for two years in Tunja and had been doing fine mission work there. After dinner we were shown the chapel where the marks of bullets were still in the windows and doors. Fanatical priests had been the instigators of the persecution.

In contrast there was the story of a wealthy and influential Roman Catholic woman who became acquainted with the two missionaries during the time that her daughter was taking instruction in English at the mission. At one of the meetings held by the fanatics to lay plans for the stoning of the mission, this courageous woman stood up and boldly announced that no longer could they attack the missionaries, who were now prepared and had an American flag. If the fanatics trespassed, she said, they would be in trouble with the United States. Next day she appeared at the mission, excitedly asking if they had an American flag! They didn't.

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Please—Not Again!

The grim spectre of possible diplomatic representation of the United States to the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church at the Vatican refuses to stay in richly-deserved oblivion. *Religious News Service* reports that the subject has been brought up again—this time in a budget hearing of the House Appropriations Committee. Under-Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith, in reply to a question, is reported as having stated, "I would personally like to see relations with the Vatican resumed." He hastened to emphasize that he was speaking strictly "personally."

Perhaps it is time to restate the position of non-Roman Americans, both churched and non-churched: Nothing has happened to make us change our minds. We are now, as we have always been, unalterably and militantly opposed to the Government of the United States having diplomatic representation at the headquarters of *any* Church, be it the Roman Catholic, the Methodist, or The Evangelical Lutheran!

Who brought the matter up in that hearing? The Hon. John J. Rooney, Democratic Representative from the State of New York. What is Mr. Rooney's religious affiliation? Roman Catholic—of course.

"When the Dreaming Ends"

IN MEMORY OF A POET

It is almost fourteen years since she began sending occasional poems to the editor's office. The first time there were two—simple, beautiful, sincere, devoutly Christian. The accompanying letter expressed the hope that their publication might bring blessing to the readers of our paper. Since then the poems have continued to come, sometimes several times a year, sometimes only once or twice. As our readers will know when I mention the poet's name, they have been used. The last two are in this week's issue, taken from the poetry file in order that they may appear not too far removed from this tribute to a poet who was also a warm, noble, Christian person. Word of her death just reached us.

Over all the years, I met her only twice. Once, in company with her pastor and his family, I was a dinner guest in her home. Once I preached in the church to which she belonged and had a brief visit with her after the service. Otherwise it was chiefly her poems which became the door through which I came to know her. First of all, there were those which were printed in these pages. But there were also some slim volumes of her work—four in number—which she published over the years. Three of them are lying here on my desk —each autographed and including a little personal greeting in a handwriting which became a bit mo shaky with each passing volume, as the years of h life increased in number. Here are the titles of t three books: *Horizons* (1948); *Let There Be Gladn* (1949); and, last Christmas, *When the Dreaming En*

Theodine Brandt was her name. Although she w born in Norway, she came to our country as a you girl and lived her life here. She married a man who w her devoted husband for half a century. All their l together they lived in Denver, where the children gr up. She was one of the best known and deeply lov poets of Colorado; and in religious circles especiall her work was known far beyond her home state. A though she always considered that LUTHERAN HERA official paper of her own Church, had first call on h work, many of her poems were published in other r ligious journals.

I think she was glad "when the dreaming ended" f her. I think she was lonely the last years—after t tragic death of a grown daughter and the still mo tragic accidental death of her husband. It may be th some of the readers of this paper were able to disce a change in her poetry the last years she lived. The was no less of Christian hope, rather more; there c tainly was not less of faith. It was rather that there w more and more of a tendency to look back along t way God had led her and hers, more "dreaming," let say; and more longing for the everlasting peace.

Had we had our say, the epitaph on Mrs. Brandt grave would have been taken from a poem in her l book, one which begins:

God holds a lighted lantern in His hand,

and closes:

When night comes down and darkness drapes t land,
Our Guide will hold a lantern in His hand.

Those of you who came to love Mrs. Brandt's poe as I did will agree that this little tribute is in ord now that her voice is stilled. To me she is another those living illustrations of how the doctrine of "Chr tian vocation" is meaningful for many. Her gift, a it was not a small one, was dedicated wholehearte to the Lord she loved; that is "Christian vocatio A saved life thus lived is remembered long after t one who lived it has reached the place "where t dreaming ends."

IALS

Merger Discussion Meetings

e President of the Church has requested the district sidents to arrange special meetings of the pastors of respective districts and, if possible, to include repntative lay people—convention delegates, officers of congregations, etc. In most of the districts these etings have now been arranged. The first of them s held by the South Central District, at Mason City, va, February 23-24. The editor had the pleasure of ng one of the "resource men" present, sharing the y of answering questions and leading the discussion; other was Dr. A. N. Rogness, Sioux Falls, a member he ELC Union Committee. (The plan is to have at t one, and preferably two, who hold membership the Union Committee or Committee on Polity and ganization present at each such meeting.)

f subsequent meetings are of equal stature with the e held in Mason City, we have no fears lest the rger matter be an unknown quantity when the contion opens. Advance publicity and arrangement were excelled. Without having inquired into the matter in ail, it appeared to us that the district president, . V. T. Jordahl; the president of the district pastoral ference, the Rev. Joel Njus; and the host pastor, . Roy Harrisville of Trinity Church, Mason City, ere the sessions were held, should each "take a bow." e cannot think of a thing which was neglected.

Attendance was excellent. While we did not ask to official figures, we know that more than 200 were sent—and that means present at practically all five gthy sessions. Our estimate is that about half were tors and half laymen, which is about the usual ision between the two groups at general conventions. e more distant portions of the district, Kansas and xas, were well represented. A number of circuits had ry pastor present and practically every parish repreted by one or more laymen.

to the discussion, it may be that the "resource men" d too much time—something over two hours for the mal presentation. However, it is a bit difficult to find solution for that problem. The entire subject is so volved and detailed that it does require some time to esent both "the forest" and "the trees." However, we lieve that all of us who are to present this subject the districts might well keep it as a golden rule to brief and to the point.

The discussion agenda consisted simply of a list of subjects suggested from the floor, which were then discussed "seriatim." The only objection to that procedure is that there is a tendency to spend unduly much time on matters which are not too important and at the same time to neglect elements in the *Report* which are exceedingly important. However, since such meetings are intended for discussion, it appears to us that each meeting must be its own judge of how to use the time.

Since this was the first of a number of such meetings, it may be worth while to summarize one "resource man's" reactions. (We shall let this editorial replace the analysis of the *Report* which would ordinarily have appeared here.)

It is beginning to appear to us that the *Report* itself will fare rather well at the convention. There are points about it which cause some dissatisfaction, notably the chapter on The General Convention and the chapter on The Districts. Some feel that the former is such a radical departure from our present usage that it will be a little difficult to swallow it; and some feel that not enough authority is vested in the districts. While other objections were voiced, we yet feel that, by and large, the group in Mason City was inclined to be rather favorable toward the *Report*. If one may judge by that one meeting, we believe that the *Report* will be adopted by the convention, with, probably, the request that certain items in it be given further study by the Joint Union Committee.

Two matters outside the *Report* came in for spirited discussion: the relation of the merged Church to the World Council of Churches; and amusements, particularly dancing, especially as these are practised at the colleges. In fact, the meeting passed a resolution requesting that further study be given by the Joint Union Committee to: "(1) the social problems affecting the church schools in the merged body; and (2) the relationship to extra-church organizations such as the World Council of Churches."

We are informed that the vote on (1) was 53-28, and on (2) 49-24, not unanimity by any means, but certainly a respectable majority in favor of both. On the basis of the discussion we listened to, we incline to believe that both these matters must come in for serious discussion at some stage of the negotiations.

It also became quite clear that the pastors and people of our Church do want to discuss in greater detail the question, "Why merge?" Not a little time was devoted to that subject, and many good points were made on both sides. It is a perfectly legitimate point to raise, and we trust that it will be discussed widely.

We shall not give such a detailed discussion of subsequent meetings. We simply take the South Central meeting as a sample, trusting that this comment may be of some help in planning similar meetings.

Youth Programs That Hit the Mark

Pastor Carl E. Olson
Manchester, Connecticut

These four Luther Leaguers are presenting a panel discussion base on "Youth Programs" material. A variety of presentation metho are offered in any quarter of this program manual for Luther youth groups.

"Do you have any good ideas for Luther League programs that will really hit the mark?"

"What will appeal to our Leaguers?"

"What will strike at the basic needs of youth of today and give them something that will both strengthen them in their daily walk with Christ and bring them back for more?"

These questions, frequently raised among youth and leaders of youth throughout our Church, represent a real concern for vital Luther League programs in the local congregation. These questions need not go begging for an answer, for we have it in *Youth Programs,* a program manual for Lutheran youth groups. This quarterly is published by the Joint Youth Publications Council for the Luther Leagues of the following synods: American Lutheran Church, Augustana Lutheran Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lutheran Free Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. It is used also by the youth of the Suomi Synod and of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.

These Luther Leaguers know that advance planning is vital for effective programming. They find in "Youth Programs" basic materials on which to build interesting meetings.

Fourteen thousand copies of every issue are printed an sent into more than 6,500 local congregations, touchin the lives of almost 200,000 young people of Luthe League age.

A quick glance at the table of contents of a recen issue of *Youth Programs* reveals that this excellent pr gram material is prepared for three different age leve among our church youth groups, namely Junior C Confirmation League, High School League, and Youn Adult League. Also included in this manual is a se tion devoted to Bible study especially directed to youth Suggestions and selected material for feature program and socials, a book review, and a page on practica League problems round out the contents.

There are several things that have impressed m about *Youth Programs,* especially about the topic ma terial, as I have used it:

It is Bible- and Christ-centered.

It is geared to the youth level and directed to many o the specific problems and questions which trouble youn people today.

It is constructive and practical, designed for much youth participation.

It is varied, interesting, and challenging.

It works, if carefully used.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating." The valu of *Youth Programs* is in its use. It is not, of course intended to supply everything necessary for a first-rat League program, but it does provide the pastor, youth counselor, or program chairman with a sound, adequate basis for preparing a stimulating program. Just how and when one will use the several varied topics appearing in each quarterly issue is left to one's discretion. They

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Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Overby

coda seems necessary to the discussion of the merits demerits of our hymnbooks. Chorales are ideal group singing, for worship unison; they demand of something more than a ride on a merry-go-round, as ny of the lighter tunes suggest. They uphold a norm our worship and praise which is not only a real lit to our church artistically speaking, but which s dignity, genuineness, and altitude commensurate h the high purposes involved in a man-God com-nion.

ut how about the "Gospel" hymns, the "choruses" e they more singable? Are they necessary in their e? If we are satisfied with the merry-go-round ex-ence, these songs may offer the ride of least resist-e. They are so elemental, commonplace, sing-songy construction. Two or three primary chords are ade-te for their harmonization—which adds more hum-m to their poverty. Rhythmically they often stoop he night club infatuations. In short, they are musi-y cheap, dishonest, lacking in taste and imagination. y are cheap because they cost so little of what we investment, genius. They are produced more or less tinseled toys. And, consequently, they are dishonest use they try to keep company with the profound ights and emotions of the sacred hymn poetry. The sic and the texts in those songs are incompatible. y should never have been wedded. The music des being trite is often definitely secular in nature. church that condones such misfits will lower its ect and effectiveness in the eyes of her own people of the outside world. The Church used to be the dard bearer in music, and we hope that that may rue again, even on the American scene. We have a ll-given opportunity to render light in this great ure.

he easy to sing hymn is the one with an inspired ody, one created by genius. It flows naturally, ex-sively, beautifully. But, we are told, our people, cially the younger set, prefer the "Gospel" variety. l that is a bad commentary on our child nurture gram. We have fed the Sunday school and youth ses the husks instead of the "great heritage." Every-y, especially the young, will like the good music, d art, better than the counterfeits—if they are given opportunity. It is very difficult to find any sound ment for tolerating obviously tawdry music in any gbook of the Church. Good music has so much in favor. It can be a marvelous medium for the Holy it. Pentecost and beautiful music have so much in mon. A development of appreciation in this matter ls rich rewards for all of us.

Thy Kingdom Come

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She also told the group of fanatics that her children had recently returned from the United States and were not stoned there. She announced to the group that she would go to the mission house whenever she pleased. This promise she kept, and she continues to visit the women of the mission but comes in disguise to avoid trouble. Her husband is a high government official; her son is an army officer. This little incident points to the fact that there are also many fine, clear-thinking Roman Catholics in Colombia.

Since the change in government, high school students have felt free to come to the mission and are doing so. Although steeped in their own traditions and finding it difficult to change, they do sense something new and good in the evangelical Gospel. Often they sit in the patio and discuss Christian truths with the missionaries.

That Sunday afternoon, at about two o'clock, the people gathered for a Communion service. During the meeting a woman gave a beautiful and intelligent testimony, telling how she had received the Gospel of Luke while working in a pharmacy. At first her friends could not believe that she was truly experiencing an awakening through the reading of the Gospel. A little girl sang "Jesus Loves Me," first in Spanish and then, as a welcome to me, in English. I thanked her and told her that I would tell my children about her when I got back to the States. This was one of the richest experiences I had in Colombia. Arnfeld Morck and I spoke. This was Arnfeld's first visit to Tunja in a long time, and it was good to see the fine spirit of Christian fellowship and love that was expressed by the people there.

Ilma Bello, a young Colombian woman who graduated from the Bible Institute in Bogota, assists the two American missionaries in teaching. She is the daughter of one of the first families converted in the city of Socota.

The following morning Arnfeld and I hiked up to an old Indian meeting place where centuries ago human sacrifices had been offered. On our return trip to Tunja we passed a man with an armful of sky rockets on his way to the carnival which began that day. The purpose of the carnival was to raise money for street improvement in the city. Crowds were gathering in the plaza in front of one of the cathedrals. From the distant square came shouts of laughter, the report of fireworks, and the strains of dance music. The celebration would continue from July 13 to August 7, at which time Rojas Pinilla, the new president, was scheduled to arrive for a visit to Tunja.

True of You?

Harold B. Kildahl

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 21, 1954
Text: John 8:31-44

The logic of it all cannot be denied. It remains true to this day. If God, the one true God, is your Father, you will love Christ His Son, your Redeemer.

Those people to whom He spoke that day trusted in tradition and their lineal descent. Truth? That was of little consequence. They had the right form, the correct ancestor, the Law and the temple, and all that went to make up the practice of religion. Strangely enough, the truth, and the spirit of the truth, never penetrated their minds, hearts, or lives. They were, in effect, deceiving themselves, and the truth was not in them. Life was but a great delusion.

Things have not changed very much, really. Delusion still defines the lives of many. It would be a startling experience certainly for pastors to take a poll of church members in an effort to determine what people really believe.

Would such a poll reveal that the Word of God is the final, sole rule of faith and life in our congregations? I speak not only of worship and the preached Word, but of life as it is lived in the stores and shops and offices of the people who make up our congregations. Would that be true of you?

Would such a poll reveal that Jesus Christ is the motivation of lives, that His glory is the objective of lives, that the love of Jesus Christ is the constraining force in life? I speak not now of the Sunday pattern, but of the pattern followed in life's choices and relationships from day to day. Would this be true of you?

Would such a poll reveal that freedom in the redemptive grace and the atoning sacrifice of Christ is the experience of our people; that the people of our congregations are not living under the burden of the Law, not deluded by thoughts of self-righteousness, not striving for the merit of heaven, but free—free by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ? I speak not of the theory, but of the fact. Would this be true of you?

"Thee will I love" is more than a hymn. It is the earnest desire and the fervent experience of Christian people as they thank, praise, serve, and obey the Lord and glorify Jesus Christ, Savior and Friend. Is this true of you?

Of all things that are essential in the life of the Christian, the basic essential is that he be in faith's close relationship to Jesus Christ, realizing the forgiveness of sins, possessing the joy of salvation, confident of the hope of heaven, rejoicing in faithful service here and now in the Kingdom of God. This is essential! Is this true of you? Amen.

Sponsorship Honor Roll Additions

Philip S. Dyb

Two of the finest illustrations of sponsorship in the e tire church were inadvertently omitted from the Spo sorship Honor Roll in the February 23 issue of Luther Herald.

Moreover, both of these are such fine illustrations what can be done that we continue to use them as mo vation for others to go and do likewise.

In La Crosse, Wisconsin, Our Savior's Luther Church, served by Pastor George Ulvilden, and Paul's Lutheran Church, now served by Pastor A. Feroe, set up a committee to work out a joint sponso ship of a new congregation in an area adjacent to th two fields in southeastern La Crosse. Not only did th freely and cheerfully transfer large numbers of membe to the new church, but they actually provided most the capital necessary for the loan to the new churc The Home Mission Department was called upon on for the parsonage loan. Between the sponsoring co gregations and the members of the new congregatio it was unnecessary for Home Missions even to give a salary subsidy nor to tie up any Church Extension Fu capital other than that needed for parsonage.

The Lord has greatly blessed this work in Our R deemer Lutheran Church in southeastern La Cros so that at the end of three years of work the congreg tion has a membership of 610 souls. The Rev. C Groettum is the pastor.

Trinity Lutheran Church in La Crosse had previous loaned some of their building fund for the sponsorsh of the new congregation on French Island in the L Crosse area and were about to build a large new churc Therefore, they did not participate directly in the spo sorship, except that they too transferred members.

Another illustration of sponsorship is in the Ne York area where Trinity Lutheran Church of St. A bans, now served by Pastor Arnold G. Nelson, loane $30,000 from their building fund in order to initia the work at Plainedge in Massapequa, New Yor where Pastor Russell Helgesen is now serving. Churc Extension Funds were exhausted at the time it w necessary to buy property and build a parsonage in th area, and St. Albans came to the rescue by making direct investment for that purpose. Thus they ga very substantial assistance without which it is probab the project could not have been carried through. Lat on it was possible for the Church Extension Fund add to the investment so we now have a fine first un church and parsonage on a good location, and the co gregation is growing rapidly.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Gospel: John 6:24-36

The Lesson: Psalm 84:1-4

Monday, March 22
GODLY GRIEF
Read 2 Corinthians 7:4-10

rejoice, not because you were grieved, because you were grieved unto re-ting; for you felt a godly grief. . . .

'aul had been very severe with the inthian Church. They had done noth- about one of their members who living in sin. They were being "ar-nt" about it, he told them when should be ashamed and mourning. wrote to awaken them, to make them y, to grieve them to repentance.

His letter was effective. It filled them grief—godly grief; the sort that ks repentance. They were led to see careless they had become. They saw awfulness of sin. They took steps to onstrate their loathing for sin. In ct, their grief produced action that l wanted.

There are two kinds of grief for sin. , where God is left out, leads to h. The other, where God is let in, s to salvation. This is the grief we st have. "For godly grief produces a ntance that leads to salvation."

O God, keep us always repentant. en.

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Tuesday, March 23
WHAT KIND OF FOOD?
Read John 6:47-57

"I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die."

In an article entitled, "You Are What You Eat," a doctor points out the effects of food on the individual. Some people bring sickness on themselves by eating improper foods, or by eating too much. On the other hand, when food is taken of the right kind, and in proper amounts, it can serve to bring and safeguard good health.

Jesus used a figure understandable to everyone when He called Himself the Bread of Life. He said that those who believed in Him would find food to satisfy their spiritual hunger. He was "living bread" that created living men. Any other food taken in the attempt to satisfy soul hunger only continues starvation and leads at last to death.

Christ is the only health-giving food for the soul of man. And there is no such thing as partaking too much of Him.

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Wednesday, March 24
GOOD NEWS
Read Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace . . . who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

How good or bad any news is depends upon what a person wants to hear. God's chosen people were in captivity. They were in Babylon, away from home, where they hung their harps on the willows and could not sing. Then came word that they were set free to go home. This was news: good news for which they were awaiting.

Any announcement to man that he has been set free is good news. Jesus said that He came to set people free. "He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor . . . to proclaim release to the captives . . . to set at liberty those who are oppressed." This is good news to all who feel the guilt of sin.

"Any news today?" a man asked a saintly woman. "Nothing but good news," she replied. "The news of God's love to me in Christ Jesus."

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Thursday, March 25
SINGLE SACRIFICE
Read Hebrew 10:1-14

But when Christ had offered for all e a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down the right hand of God, then to wait il his enemies should be made a stool his feet.

A precious truth to know and to rely on is that Christ's sacrificial death is icient to cover all my sins. He suffered l died once, and for everyone. His sin- sacrifice was a perfect sacrifice. The ma of Holy Week need not be repeated in. All that remains is for men to be-e in the Lord Jesus and be saved.

The writer to the Hebrews points out w the Old Testament sacrifices had to repeated year after year, without ceas-. Had they made men pure, had they de men perfect, they could have been continued. Only the coming of the mb of God, and His willing sacrifice, ld satisfy the justice of God. Only en men believe in this sacrifice do they e pardon and sanctification.

On the cross Jesus said, "It is fin-ed." By this we live, and in this we oice.

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Friday, March 26
UNWITTING PROPHECY
Read John 11:47-57

"You know nothing at all; you do not understand that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish."

It was Caiaphas, the high priest, who spoke these words. He did not mean them to be a prophecy of the death of Christ, or of what that death would mean to all the world. He spoke them rather as a "smart move"on the part of the priests. "Get rid of Jesus, and we can go on just as we are."

It has been pointed out that time and again the enemies of Christ have spoken the truth about Him, even though their comments were meant to be harmful. "Friend of publicans and sinners," was meant to be an insult. But how many have taken heart at its truth. At the cross, some laughed at Him, saying "He saved others but Himself He cannot save." This was meant to be proof positive of His foolish claims. They did not know that to save others He gave himself freely and utterly.

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Saturday, March 27
THE TENDER SAVIOR
Read Isaiah 42:1-8

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench. . . .

Isaiah presented many beautiful portraits of the Messiah. This prophetic preview emphasizes the meekness of Jesus and His tenderness toward those who look to Him. In His life, the Savior matched this description perfectly. He met His suffering without a murmur. And in His ministry He showed compassion on the multitudes and displayed love and mercy toward those who came to Him for help.

Much has been made of the pastor who, given to much gesturing and bombastic delivery, pounded the pulpit with his fist as he quoted "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." It was wrong; it did not go together.

The tender Savior deals with love where bruised reeds and smoking wicks come to Him for attention.

Give us of Thy grace and mercy, O God, for we come to Thee. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Ols

CONSIDER BARRING IMMORAL MATERIALS

Comic books, pocket-size books, movies, and similar media that can be used to exploit crime, sex, and immorality are under legislative study at Albany, N. Y. Eight bills aimed at strengthening the hand of officials in dealing with "immoral" movies and in blocking outlets for "indecent" literature have been launched with strong backing. The bulk of them represent a year's work on the part of the Joint Legislative Committee on Comic Books.

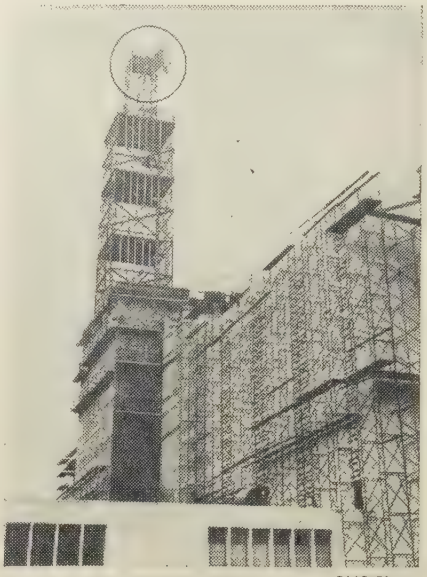
One of the bills is aimed at barring tie-in sales for magazines. A second would outlaw pocket-size books that display "sex and lust" on their covers. A third would raise the minimum fine for purveying obscene literature or articles. A fourth would step up the whole scale of penalties for selling such materials to minors. Two other bills would tend to give local police and corporation counsels a greater mandate in securing enforcement.

EDUCATORS PLEDGE TO TEACH ROLE OF RELIGION

Some 16,000 delegates attending the annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators pledged to help their pupils develop an understanding of the vital role of religion in American culture. "Recognizing the necessity of teaching moral and spiritual values," an adopted resolution said, "we acknowledge our obligation to continue and to increase our efforts to inculcate in our youth a sense of values and to develop within them an understanding of the vital role of religion in our American culture."

Dr. Clarence Linton of Teachers College, Columbia University, had earlier said at a discussion meeting that widespread religious illiteracy exists among school children, their teachers, and their parents. He said that the way to combat this illiteracy is to teach religion as a factual study in the public schools whenever it is a part of the pupil's school experience, as when he is studying history, literature, art, music, or science. "One who is religiou illiterate," he said, "is to that deg uneducated. Education which avo religion is incomplete, truncated, a distorted."

LARGEST MORMON TEMPLE



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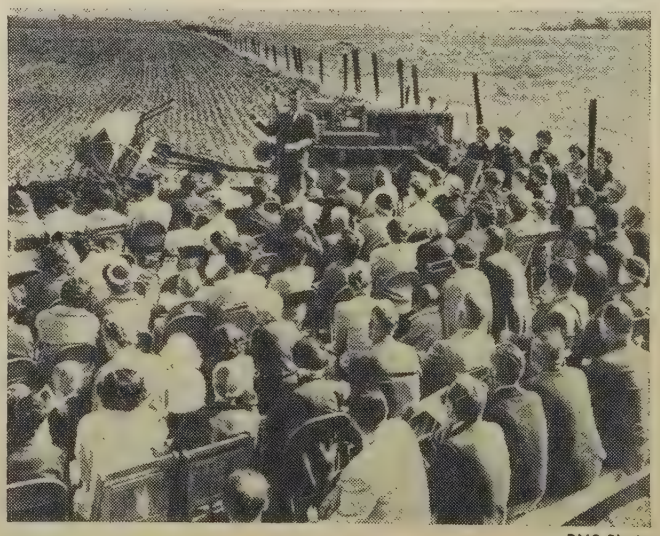
A 17-foot welded steel spire (in circle) is raised to the top of the 244-foot tower which dominates the new Los Angeles Temple, the largest structure ever built by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The spire will serve as a pedestal for a gold-plated aluminum statue of the Mormon Angel Moroni, with trumpet in hand. The $4,000,000 temple is expected to be finished by July, 1955.

RADIO KEEPS NORWEGIANS FROM CHURCH

Christians of Norway "are just as r ular radio listeners as they are oc sional church-goers" claims the R Ragnar Leivestad, who has been anal ing the relationship of radio to chur attendance in that country. He clared that broadcasts of Sunday se ices of worship are among the m reasons for rapidly declining chur attendance, and that according to recent Gallup poll half of Norwa adult population listens to the Sund services on radio. Emphasizing th radio services cannot give people Chr tian fellowship and Sacraments, t pastor proposed that radio services broadcast either early Sunday morni or later in the afternoon to permit pe ple to attend church and still not m the radio broadcasts of outstandi preachers.

120 LORD'S ACRES



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The Rev. Gene W. Carter of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., delivered sermon during dedication ceremonies for 120 acres of land which members of the Elver Methodist Church near Sacramento, California, will cultivate under the Lord's acre pla Church members will raise crops on the land, donated by a member of the congregatio and give the proceeds of their labors to the Elverta church for a new parsonage.

'he official adviser in religious adcasting, the Rev. Fredrik Knud- is doubtful about making such a nge. He said that if services were adcast at other times the contact veen radio listeners and the wor- ping congregation would be jeop- ized, and he doubted that people o had listened to an early service ild also attend the service at their rch.

NDICAPPED ROCHIAL PUPILS

Oregon circuit court judge has d that Portland's public schools st admit parochial school children pecial classes for the handicapped. ir such children had been refused nission to special lip reading and ech correction classes in the public ools. Mr. William C. Elkins, father one of the children, brought suit, tending that the law's definition of dicapped includes all children and s their admission to special classes the basis of need rather than of en- ment in the public schools.

ttorneys for Portland's school dis- t No. 1 indicated they would appeal decision to the Oregon Supreme rt. The position of the school dis- t is that the responsibility of the lic schools is limited to those en- ed. To interpret the matter other- e, it maintained, would imply the t of parochial school pupils to ap- for special work of other kinds, h as chemistry, in cases where pub- schools have the facilities that par- schools are unable to provide.

n his ruling Circuit Judge Alfred Dobson said: "Permitting private ools is not an indulgence on the t of government but rather fruitful tection of the free intellectual de- pment of its society. The obligation the state to the private school is in sense abdicated. When it appears t private school facilities are inade- te to the needs of the handicapped dent, it does no credit to the public ool agencies to demand that such dents be forever bound to the limi- ons of the private facility in such cial situations as an alternative to ouncing a substantial tenet of their ed."

NAILS FOR RECONSTRUCTION

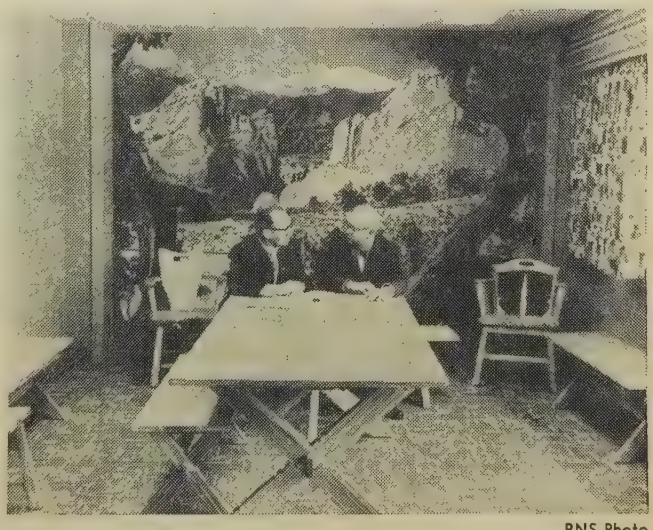
RNS Photo

Young and old parishioners of a war-damaged church in Berlin are shown hammering nails into a model of the church, after making a contribution toward its reconstruction. The nails were sold at 5, 10, and 25 cents each, depending on their color, and the purchasers hammered those nails into the model.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Churches of all denominations were called upon by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL, to join in "a holy crusade to drive completely from American homes the education in crime being given our children through the medium of radio and television." . . . Officials of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce have asked its 2,500 chapters across the nation to launch the organization's annual observance in May of "Come to Church Month" by participating in a "May Day-Pray Day" on Saturday, May 1. . . . The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada has sent a "Declaration of Principles on Religious Liberty and Civil Rights" to members of the Canadian Parliament, members of the provincial legislatures and judges of Canadian courts. Calling for separation of Church and State and protesting "a growing tendency" by churches to seek financial or legislative support, the manifesto affirms "the right of the individual to worship or not to worship, to change or not to change his religion" and suggests that "the exercise of human rights must be limited by respect for the equal rights of others." . . . Officials of Lutheran World Relief, material aid agency of the National Lutheran Council, were entertained by the Yugoslav Consulate in New York at an "appreciation luncheon" on board the SS CRNA GORA at its dock in Newark, N. J.

UNUSUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM



RNS Photo

This unusual Sunday school room is part of Shiloh Congregational Church's new $300,000 educational building at Dayton, Ohio. Seated before a photomural of Pike's Peak are: The Rev. Fay Le Meadows, pastor of the church, and Harry Hall, chairman of the dedication committee. Church and lay leaders agree that the room is without peer in the area.

Schools and Colleges

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WALDORF COLLEGE CHOIR TO TOUR WEST COAST

Eight states are included in the tour of the Waldorf College a cappella choir. *Waldorf College* is a junior college located at Forest City, Iowa. The choir is scheduled to leave April 9, to return to the campus on April 29. The itinerary is as follows:

April 9, Des Moines, Iowa; April 10, Fairbury, Neb.; April 11, Concordia, Mankato, and Norway, Kansas; April 12, Texhoma, Texas; April 13, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; April 14, Phoenix, Ariz.; April 15, San Diego, Calif.; April 16, Long Beach; April 17, Los Angeles; April 18, Hawthorne and Los Angeles; April 19, Panorama City; April 20, Pasadena; April 21, Los Angeles; April 22, Patterson; April 23, North Sacramento; April 24, Palo Alto; April 25, Corte Madera, San Francisco, and Oakland; April 26, open; April 27, Denver, Colo.; and April 28, Newman Grove, Nebraska.

CAMPUS NEWS NOTES

The *Luther College* concert band, now in its 76th season, is presently touring six midwestern states. The 69-piece band under the direction of Weston H. Noble is presenting 18 concerts in Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin from March 4 to March 16.

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Dr. Thomas O. Burgess, head of the psychology and education departments at *Concordia College,* was recently elected to a fellow rating of the division dealing with Maturity and Old Age of the American Psychological Association. This association, including about 9,000 of the most qualified psychologists in the country, was organized to advance psychology as a science, a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare.

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Miss Alice Moe of Milwaukee, Wis., has been engaged as an interim teacher at *Pacific Lutheran College* in the department of speech for the second semester and the summer session. She replaces Jean McGregor Dahl, member of the faculty since 1948, who now resides in Minneapolis.

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St. Olaf College debaters captured the Midwest Conference Debate Tournament crown and with it the conference's traveling Stevens trophy in two days of competition with six other colleges in the conference February 26 and 27.

St. Olaf and Carleton Colleges in Northfield were co-hosts for the tournament. The St. Olaf squad under the tutelage of Dr. Theodore Nelson and Mr. Kenneth Wilkens also won the conference championship last year. This year's squad won 11 out of 12 rounds of debate for first place.

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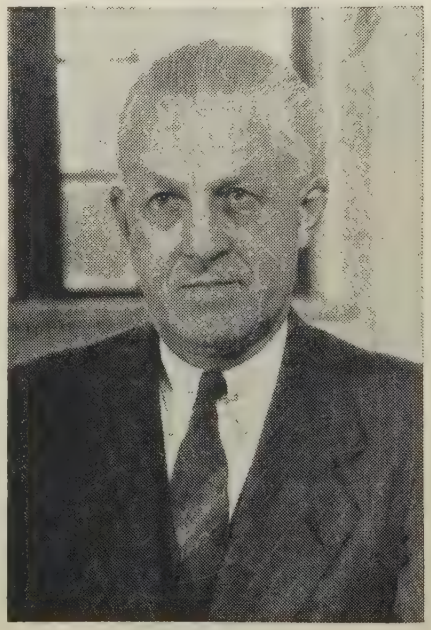
Mission Emphasis Week at PLC was March 7 to 12. The speakers were the Rev. Gordon Ruud, ELC mission to Madagascar, and Dr. Emil Hamann, ALC missionary to N Guinea.



Dr. Theodore Huggenvik, chairman of the religion department at St. Olaf College has been named the recipient of The George Washington Honor Medal by the National Awards Jury of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The award was made as the result of an essay written by Dr. Huggenvik titled, "What Mean Ye by These Stones?" The jury termed the essay "an outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life during 1953." The essay deals with our American heritage and means of preserving it.

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Featured speaker for the ELC S dent Conference banquet on Satur evening, March 13, will be the R Selmer Heen, newly-installed pas at East Side Lutheran Church in Sio Falls. The annual student worksh will be held on the *Augustana Coll* campus March 12, 13, and 14.

The annual conference for all E students will this year consider su topics as the possibilities of a Luthe University, Lutheran unity, and ecumenical movement.

The host college, Augustana, w present its choir in concert on Fri evening, and on Saturday evening drama department will present the ligious drama, "Servant in the Hous

Special interest groups on Saturd afternoon will discuss such subje as, "Why Liberal Arts?" "Future Social Work in Our Church," "T Christian Layman As Seen by a Eu pean," and "The Christian Stud and His Congregation." These grou will be chaired by members of t Augustana faculty.

Main speakers are Dr. Orville D and Dr. O. G. Malmin, of Minnea lis; Dr. Bernard Holm, Dubuq Iowa; the Rev. R. A. Ofstedal, Dec ah, Iowa; and Dr. A. N. Rogness Sioux Falls.

The conference promises to be o of the largest ever held and the then "The Christian Student in the Chur of Tomorrow," will challenge t thinking of these ELC students w come to enrich their spiritual liv to become better acquainted with t program of their Church, and to ha fellowship with other ELC studen

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The *Augustana Academy* debat tied with East High of Lincoln, Ne and Watertown, S. Dak., in winni seven out of eight debates at the M west Speech tournament at Augusta College February 19-20. The Acaden affirmative team consisted of Lin Shoemaker and Audrey Wagnild, a the negative team, Marlene Bolst and Mary Rasmussen.

e New Year Is Wrinkled Now

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learn to love, and the gremlins of sin are consumed heir own fury.

lready the year is growing old and weary, but our its can grow free and strong. The manacles of sin break their hold upon our lives when we continue dfast through the grace of Jesus. We shall not worry the morrow, *for the morrow shall take thought for things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil eof* (Matt. 6:34).

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not dated nor are they arranged in any particular ted sequence. Each topic is a unit in itself and may be used in its entirety as a single program, or it may be combined with another topic. Supplementary materials may readily be used to enlarge the scope of a particular topic or to add emphasis. The use of visual aids or a qualified speaker may serve to summarize and clinch the point of the program topic.

It is my experience and conviction that *Youth Programs* is relevant and usable. From the standpoint of program material, it is the answer to what we need and desire in our earnest purpose to "win, keep, and use our youth for Christ."

In the preparation and distribution of this program manual, the Joint Youth Publications Council of the Lutheran Church is performing a great service to our youth and their leaders and is helping to shape the Church of tomorrow.

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A LIVING WITNESS

can't help but sit down to write you about a thrilling rience that came to our parish and to me this past day, February 21, when Pastor Philemon MKize of uland was guest in our three churches, St. John's, Gil-, and Spring Lake, to preach and to sing. He left an lible impression upon our people and upon me with his m-hearted Christian personality, his deeply Christ-cen- message, and his fervent plea, "Come over and help To us it has been a very high mountain-top experience, ave seen and heard this very humble man of God, who of himself, "I'm a living witness of what you have done ringing the Gospel to Zululand."

he seminary student body is certainly to be congratu- and thanked for their worthwhile project in bringing to this country, and for making it possible for a few s to have had this inspiring opportunity to see and hear know him. I must say that I fell in love with him and cozy personality. He imparts a friendship and a mutual ng relationship to Jesus Christ like no other person I ever met.

truly thank God for Philemon MKize, for what he has nt to our parish and to me personally. I pray that the d will richly bless him as he returns to his native land ecome a more effective servant of the Lord to his people.

(The Rev.) Carsten Smeby
Spring Valley, Wis.

SYNODICAL SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS?

Ve often hear well-meaning people of the ELC tell us they are opposed to the proposed merger because we e something that is different, something undefinable, a y which is all our own. They fear that this union would n that they would lose something that is characteristically own. Is this a form of synodical self-righteousness?

esus taught us to share: "For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." He tells us, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltness be restored?" The best way to keep the good is to share it with others, and the best way to lose the good is to attempt to keep it unto ourselves. If we do have something distinctive, let's share it, for we are not to hide our lights under a bushel.

On the other hand, the others may become a salt to us, to share things that are also profitable for us. We must not be so presumptuous as to think that the ELC has all the answers to everything that is good. They, too, may have many undefinable qualities which we need.

No, this is not a union for the sake of bigness, but a union to be big in spirit.

A Pastor

NO WRITTEN HISTORY

►There is perhaps little reason to doubt, and possibly none at all to deplore, the fact that The Evangelical Lutheran Church—itself a union of several synods—will soon merge with other Lutheran bodies representing, each in its own way, other traditions, other histories, and other values. Let us hope that in union lies strength, new perspectives, and a renewed zest for the ceaseless work of the Church.

To this writer it would seem that now, on the eve of merger, we are confronted with a last opportunity—if indeed it is not already too late—to undertake a serious study of the forces and events that have shaped and nourished The Evangelical Lutheran Church and the synods out of which it grew. This task, which on reflection appears almost in the light of an obligation, must obviously be undertaken soon, or never.

It is almost incredible, when one thinks of it, that the ELC has no really comprehensive written history. True enough, pioneer beginnings have been made and individuals have dealt ably with isolated phases of church life, but the story as a whole remains to be told. This means, in the most practical language possible, that we are going forward into a new future without fully knowing where we have been.

This is neither the time nor the place to discuss the many disadvantages that result from the absence of recorded history. Suffice it to ask what volume can confidently be assigned to prospective ELC pastors as required reading in the vital field of Norwegian-American church history—read-

ing, that is, which comes to focus on the Church itself and its relations with the many-sided life of this great country?

Is it appropriate, at a time when many demands are being made of our Church, to ask that some thought be given now to the matter of launching a research and writing project worthy of the ELC's truly remarkable history? Would not the biennial convention next June be the proper occasion to announce that we cherish our past sufficie to study it largely and critically as well as sympathetic and that we intend to publish the results of such rese in a form readily available to present and future generatio

(Prof.) Kenneth Bjor
St. Olaf College
Northfield, Minn.

Within the E.L.C.

PERSONS

The Rev. O. R. A. Tollefson has resigned from his parish at Elk Mound, Wis., on account of impaired health.

The Rev. B. B. Nielsen, Protestant chaplain at the State Hospital, Jamestown, N. Dak., has been awarded the Certificate of Applied Psychiatry by the William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry.

The Rev. E. O. Ulring, West Union, Iowa, has accepted a call to become assistant chaplain at Bethesda Home for the Aged, Beresford, S. Dak., where Mrs. Ulring will serve as matron. The Ulrings will move to Beresford in May.

Dr. Theodore Huggenvik, chairman of the Department of Religion, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., received recently the George Washington Honor Medal of Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa., as an award for an essay entitled "What Mean Ye by These Stones?"

The Rev. E. E. Ramsey, until recently chaplain at the State Training School, Red Wing, Minn., was installed March 7 as director of chaplaincy services of the Oregon Lutheran Welfare Society.

The Rev. Joseph E. Lee, formerly of Boscobel, Wis., is now pastor of the Greenfield-Henrytown-Fremont parish, Harmony, Minn.

The Rev. J. M. Runestad, since 1947 pastor in Oklee, Minn., moved in February to his new parish, Bethany in Red Lake Falls, Minn.

The Rev. Percy L. Larson, Rolette, N. Dak., will begin in April his new pastorate at Mabel, Minn.

The Rev. E. Melvin Bremer, Sturgis, S. Dak., moved March 1 to the Immanuel parish, Everson, Wash.

The Rev. David Lovaas, New Era, Mich., has accepted a call to become assistant pastor of Moreland Church, Chicago. He will begin this pastorate May 1.

The Rev. M. J. Sheldahl, Washburn, N. Dak., has accepted a call to Wyndmere, N. Dak.; he will be installed there June 27.

The Rev. Eugene Engelstad, stationed as chaplain at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama, was graduated Feb. 26 from the Air Force Chaplains' School, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

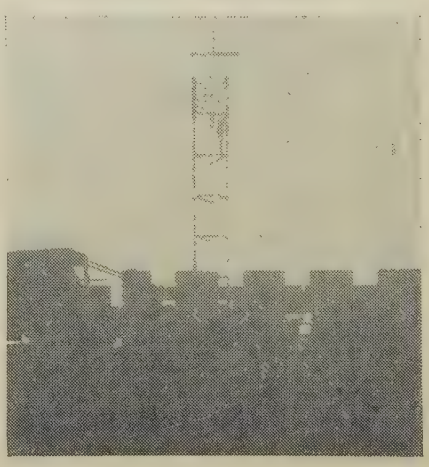
The Rev. Arnold E. Olson, formerly of Clam Falls, Wis., was installed Feb. 7 as pastor of Our Saviour's Church, Redfield, S. Dak., by District President Pierson.

The Rev. Albin L. Fortney, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Muskegon, Mich., was recently re-elected president of the Lutheran Pastoral Association of Greater Muskegon.

The Rev. Wilfred H. Lindquist was on Feb. 20 united in marriage with Miss Doris E. Martin of Clam Falls, Wis., and Minneapolis, in Minneapolis. Pastor Lindquist, formerly of Alamo, N. Dak., is studying at the Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, and is also serving as assistant teacher at the institute and at Luther Theological S nary.

Mrs. Oline Netland, pioneer C missionary fell and broke her hip 15, but is making a fine recover spite of her age, 89 years, and earlier fractures of the hip. She with her daughter, Mrs. John S stad, at Evansville, Minn.

AGAINST THE TEXAS SKY



The above picture was taken after sunset by the Rev. Erling H. Peterson, pastor of the newly organized Lutheran church in Midland, Texas, shortly after the stainless steel cross which is to grace the top of the church now in building was hoisted into place on the 40 foot steel tower of the structure. The cross, 12 feet tall, will be a landmark in the community. Midland Lutheran Church was formally organized Jan. 7 this year. The cornerstone of the edifice was laid Feb. 7 by the pastor and the Rev. John Groettum of Fort Worth. It is hoped that the church may be ready for dedication by April 25.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Detroit, Mich. The current issu "St. Olaf Tidings," parish paper of Olaf Church, served by the Rev. W Scarvie, contains the picture of proposed parish building of the c gregation. The cost of the new bu ing is estimated at $194,000.

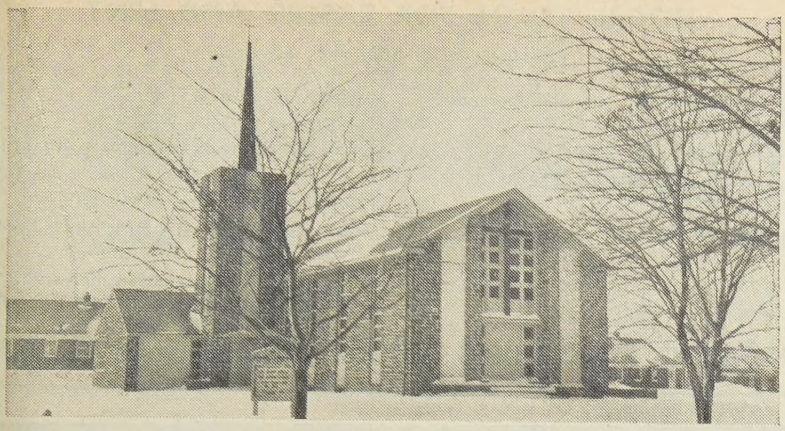
Muskegon, Mich. Having in the year established certain areas of operation, National Lutheran Cou pastors and Missouri Synod pastors this city have this year extended co-operation to sharing the time o ing Holy Week in conducting do town noon-day services, the Natio Lutheran Council pastors to make of three days and the Missouri Sy pastors two. These services will held at the Regent Theater.

Morris, Ill. Bethlehem Church, only Lutheran church in this city 8,000 inhabitants, has succeeded d ing the past eighteen months in ducing its indebtedness of $100,000 about $60,000, and is hoping to lic date all indebtedness in less than th years. Over the last ten-year per the church has had a 67% increase membership, a 115% increase in chu attendance, and a 112% increase financial support. The congregat now has 1,309 members. Its pasto the Rev. Norris W. Stoa.

Southern Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn. The Latv Church of the Twin Cities has p chased the property of Bethel Chu located at E. 32nd St. and 17th A So. By March 1 it took over the pr erty on a part-time basis, an arran ment that will continue until Bet Church is ready to move into a n church plant to be built farther so in the city.

PHILADELPHIA PARISH HAS NEW CHURCH



ty Church in Winchester Park, Philadelphia, has lately built the attractive new ch pictured herewith. Being of stone construction, in contemporary style, it is built llow for future expansion; its nave seats 200. Its cost is $60,000. The location is in owing residential section in the northeastern part of the city. The new fane was cated Dec. 6, 1953, by Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, general president of The Evangelical eran Church. At the morning service Dr. L. P. Qualben, president of the Atlantic uit, preached, and at the evening service the Rev. L. Henry Nielsen, Teaneck, N. J. or of Trinity Church is the Rev. L. Donald Docken.

h Dakota

rand Forks, N. Dak. A third ELC gregation was organized in this Feb. 21. It has adopted the name vary, and is served by the Rev. gil T. Foss.

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eattle, Wash. For the 25th time lard First Lutheran Church held its ual fishermen's festival, Sunday, ch 7. Among speakers were: Gov- or Arthur B. Langlie; the Rev. O. Haavik of Stanwood, former pastor he congregation; the Rev. Arnold Anderson, pastor loci; Olaf Holen, president of the church; and Geo. nsen, secretary of the Alaska Fish- en's Union. After the service re- hments were served by the Norwe- n Ladies Aid of the congregation.

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a Jolla, Calif. At a workshop con- ted here Feb. 10 by the Southern fornia WMF Circuit a new circuit ration named Southland was or- ized. Among the speakers at the ting were Mrs. Julius Hansen, ident of the district federation, and . Clarence Benson, president of the thern California circuit federation.

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oremost, Alberta. This parish, ed by the Rev. A. E. Dahlen, has ly improved its parsonage greatly. e of the churches of this parish, n at Baro Island, has assumed the support of Miss Irene Knudsen, a new Sudan missionary.

Medicine Hat, Alberta. The Sunday school of Grace Church, a congregation organized in 1953, has now about fifty pupils. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Gordon Hope.

Saskatechwan, Sask. Zion Church, parish of the Rev. J. T. Dahle, had during 1953 108 accessions to its membership and had an income of more than $20,000.

Chaplin, Sask. On Jan. 31 a new congregation was organized, as a part of a parish which now comprises five congregations. The Rev. Edw. K. Rustad is its pastor.

OBITUARIES

K. K. Solberg

Konrad K. Solberg, Clarkfield, Minn., who was lieutenant governor of Minnesota 1932-34 and a member of the state senate 1923-31, died Jan. 28, in his 80th year. Death came suddenly, caused by a heart attack. Funeral services were held in Clarkfield Church; the Rev. P. L. Mork officiated. Mr. Solberg was born June 25, 1874, at Rushford, Minn. As a child he came to Yellow Medicine County, moving later to Clarkfield, where he engaged in the mercantile business. During his long residence in Clarkfield he was an active member of the local congregation and served it faithfully in various offices. In 1897 he married Miss Sophie S. Aas, who died in 1953. Of their nine children five survive: two sons and three daughters. His only surviving brother is the Rev. C. K. Solberg, Minneapolis.

Mrs. E. A. Holland

Mrs. Cecelia Odland Holland, member of Our Saviour's Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., died Jan. 9, in her 73rd year. Funeral services took place Jan.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR IN SOUTH ST. PAUL PARISH

In the above picture, taken after the installation of the Rev. Opie S. Rindahl, formerly of Bismarck, N. Dak., as co-pastor of Luther Memorial Church in South St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 21, appear left to right: the Rev. Boral Biorn, vice president of ELC Southern Minnesota District; Pastor Rindahl; the Rev. Theo. L. Kurtz, the other pastor of the church; and Dr. A. H. Ewald, president of the ALC Minnesota District. The installation was administered by Pastor Biorn, assisted by Dr. Ewald. Later in the day the congregation gave a reception in welcome of Pastor and Mrs. Rindahl.

12 at the church named; interment was made at Hurley, S. Dak., the Rev. H. M. Blegen officiating at both services. Cecelia Odland was born Feb. 25, 1881, near Hurley, S. Dak. In 1901 she married Edward A. Holland. They have resided in Sioux Falls since 1945. She is survived by her husband, three sons, two daughters, eight brothers, and two sisters. Her son Eugene is pastor at Grand Meadow, Minn. Her brother Ole M. Odland is also a clergyman, and her sisters are married to clergymen, respectively Henry Thompson and C. M. Granskou.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rocky Mountain District Pastoral Conference will meet April 20-22 at Civic Center, Great Falls, Montana.

For Sale: About 50 used Concordia Hymnals, regular edition, in fine condition, reasonably priced. Write Mrs. Oswald Grundyson, Mc Intosh, Minn.

Four Mile Church, Prairieville, Texas, will celebrate its centennial May 31st.

Eagle Grove Circuit WMF will meet April 28, 10:00 a.m. at Badger, Iowa. Speaker: the Rev. B. C. Opsal.

Erdahl Church will give a used Linderman organ to a congregation in need of an organ. Contact C. H. Rustad, Ashby, Minn.

Important Notice: One letter of application for Christian day school teaching position in California or Arizona was inadvertently destroyed. If there is someone who applied for such a position who has not had an answer, please contact Pastor A. C. Rueter, 1009 North Market Street, Inglewood 3, California.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS FOR PASTORS

O. A. Crawford, Box 202, Lynnwood, Wash. (2-15-54)

Oscar Anderson, 222 7th St. S., Moorhead, Minn. (6-1-54)

Joseph E. Lee, Harmony, Minn. (2-24-54)

Percy L. Larson, Mabel, Minn. (4-8-54)

E. Melvin Bremer, Route 2, Everson, Wash. (3-1-54)

David Lovaas, 652 N. Lotus Ave., Chicago, Ill. (5-1-54)

Norval R. Wigtil, 360 W. Grand Ave., Beloit, Wis. (3-1-54)

Loren Spaulding, Rolla, N. Dak. (5-15-54)

Chap. E. H. Engelstad, 3800th A.U. Wing, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala. (2-17-54)

J. M. Runestad, Red Lake Falls, Minn. (2-17-54)

Harold J. Larsen, 4560 E. 18th St., Tucson 12, Ariz. (2-22-54)

T. G. Sandeno, 8051 Ventura St., Anaheim, Calif. (2-22-54)

C. A. M. Benson, 1202 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino, Calif. (2-22-54)

Oliver V. Everson, Lily, S. Dak. (Ordained 2-14-54)

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H: High M: Medium L: Low

Could I Have Held His Nail-Pierced Hands, O'Hara. M or H, L..... .60

He Was Alone, Paxson. H, L..... .60

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked, O'Hara. H, M, L..... .60

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Jerusalem, Parker. H, M, L.....

The Man of Sorrows, Adams. H, L.....

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FOR SALE

Farms

For sale—10 acre farm in southern Wisconsin. Good soil, electricity, full set of buildings. Lutheran community. Immediate possession. 352-1A

For sale—114 acre farm in Winneshiek Co., Iowa. 4½ miles from county seat town. Is rented on 50-50 basis for the year. Could be taken over on these terms. 352-2A

For sale—150 acre dairy farm. New set of buildings. REA, mail route by house, phone, west central Minnesota. Several Lutheran churches nearby. School bus route. 352-3A

For sale—240 acre farm in Kandiyohi Co., Minnesota located about 6 miles from good town, with Lutheran church, and there is one Lutheran church only one mile from farm. 7-room modern house with automatic water heat, big barn with water, and other out buildings. This farm priced at $75 per acre. Terms can be arranged. 352-4A

For sale—1,200 foot water frontage. 48 acre farm estate on Vancouver Island, just 12 miles from city hall, Victoria, B.C., by paved road. 4-bedroom residence built in 1940, city water, cottage for caretaker on premises. Unexcelled view facing strait of Juan de Fuca and Olympic Mountains. $50,000 full price. 352-5A

Homes

For sale—new birch rambler located in choice district in Tacoma, Washington. Sweeping marine view of Puget Sound. 3 bedrooms, 3 sets of plumbing, 2 car garage, large lot. Full price $36,000. 352-6B

For sale—spacious 3-bedroom home on small acreage ½ mile from Kalispell, Montana. Home is insulated, newly decorated, ½ basement. Many out buildings. Ideal for raising chickens. Close to ELC church. For more information write. 352-7B

Businesses

For sale—Lodge building on main h way in western Washington leading to M Rainier National Park. Ideal rest home sibilities. Property equipped for immed operation. $25,000; terms, $5,000 down. derly couple wish to retire. 352

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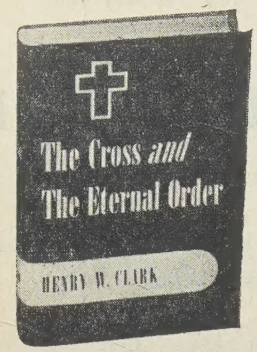

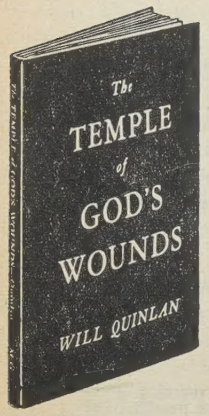

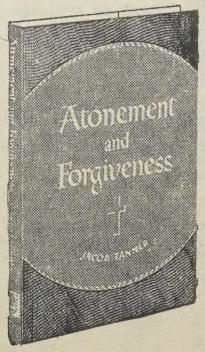

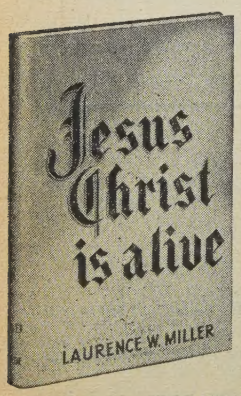

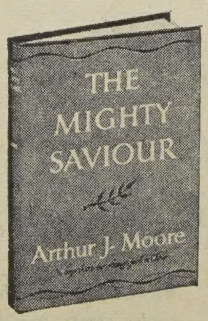

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